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Secretary of State-designate Hillary Rodham Clinton is seen with her husband, former President Bill Clinton before the inaugural prayer service at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009. The Senate has confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton to become secretary of state.

See *INTERNATIONAL NEWS*

SPORTS NEWS

DOWN UNDER



Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong of the U.S. holds a baby kangaroo while speaking to the media before the start for the second stage of Tour Down Under cycling race in German Village in Adelaide, Australia Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009. See *Sports Today*

During the Annual General meeting of Insurance Association of Aruba

IAA promotes Defensive Driving

ORANJESTAD - The Insurance Association of Aruba (IAA) held its Annual General Meeting for 2008 last December as a Christmas luncheon meeting at Windows of Aruba presided by Prakash Gupta.

An invited guest to this meeting was Mr. Newton Ferguson, a retired FedEx Operations Manager delivered an enlightening power point presentation on traffic safety. Mr. Ferguson was certified as a Defensive Driving Instructor during his tenure at FedEx and is now committed to share his knowledge with a training program geared to create more awareness on safety in traffic and curb the high number of accidents, serious injuries and related fatalities on the island. The presentation covered many topics including: Accident statistics & facts, the consequences of accidents, the 5 keys of defensive driving, and the 6 conditions of driving and was well received by the Insurers who also expressed concerns about the growing



number of vehicle accidents in Aruba. More than 90% of all accidents can be prevented by applying defensive driving techniques as was illustrated. Defensive Training & Consultancy is a registered business at The Chamber of Commerce with the purpose

of addressing the alarming situation of traffic safety on the island. On the photo Mr. Ferguson is seen receiving a certificate of appreciation from the Association. While thanking Mr. Newton for his excellent presentation, IAA would like to request

the community members specially businesses who rely on their employees driving company vehicles to arrange such a training for their workforce by contacting Mr. Newton Ferguson at defensivedriving@ymail.com

Master Blaster proves to be unsinkable



ORANJESTAD – Two days ago while on a regular tour with a full complement of guests, the Master Blaster boat hits a piece of driftwood which punctured the hull. The Captain calmly steered the Master Blaster to shore, where all guests disembarked in safety. No one was hurt.

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An intimate wedding for Rachel & Robert in paradise

EAGLE BEACH – On January 16, 2009 Rachel Vadnais & Robert Matthews from Boston, Massachusetts vowed their love. The lovebirds met through friends 2 ½ years ago. They started dating and their relationship blossomed into a friendship of everlasting love.

Rachel & Robert were engaged in August 2008. The wedding planning started with no stress with Ceremonies & Celebrations in Aruba who planned everything perfectly. This is Rachel & Roberts first time to Aruba, they were looking for paradise and an intimate wedding where the



focus was on them to begin their life long journey as one. Rachel's mother and stepdad own at La Cabana and thought it was a perfect idea to have her daughter have their room as the honeymoon suite. The wedding took place in front of the famous Divi tree on Eagle Beach with officiate Rueben who delivered the sermon and Rachel's mom and stepdad by their side. Many friends of Lacabana who knew the parents also came to the wedding to watch the couple be pronounced as husband and wife. The sunset was a perfect backdrop for their wedding as Bella Aruba Photography captured all the intimate



moments. Following the photo shoot the family had dinner a few steps away at Passions Restaurant overlooking the Caribbean ocean and the colorful sunset sky. They toasted with champagne

under the stars and Mr. & Mrs. Mathews danced their first dance next to their romantic setting. □

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Farewell to Senior Officer Levenstone after 39 years of service



Pictured is Mr. John E. Levenstone (L) receiving a gift from Chief of Police Peter de Witte (R) on behalf of the Aruban Police Force.

ORANJESTAD - This week Chief of Police, Mr. P de Witte had a meeting with Mr. John E. Levenstone that left with retirement on the 21st of October, 2008. Mr. Levenstone started working on the 27th of August, 1969 with the Aruban Police Force, and has worked for 39 years in different sectors of the organization.

He also worked as a mentor for new and upcoming police officers.

During the encounter with Mr. de Witte, they exchanged ideas about the police work now and what it used to be back in the day and Mr. Levenstone retold many of his experiences.

As a sign of gratitude for his 39 years of service, Chief of Police presented him with a gift on behalf of the organization and wished him an eventful retirement. □



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Ambassadors of Goodwill honored at the Aruba Beach Club



more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title.

The recent honoring was effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Aruba Beach Club which they call their home away from home. The following visitors were honored as an Ambassador of goodwill for the Island of Aruba: Lawrence & Arleen Mistalski, Robert & Victoria Alderman and also Ronald & Marie Pitoccheli.

Pictured: Mr. Croes from ATA and honorees together with Staff from Aruba Beach Club





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EAGLE BEACH - Recently at Aruba Beach Club, Aruba vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or



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Dutch First Chamber heads for St. Maarten

THE HAGUE--Members of the Dutch First Chamber, the Senate, met with St. Maarten's Project Director of Constitutional Reform Dennis Richardson on Tuesday, in anticipation of a future visit by an official St. Maarten delegation. Richardson, who is currently in the Netherlands for meetings about constitutional reform, told The Daily Herald that he hopes to hear from the First Chamber what their concerns are pertaining to St. Maarten attaining country status in 2010. Richardson's meeting with the First Chamber today can be seen as a sort of fact-finding mission in anticipation of an official visit by a delegation from St. Maarten in the near future.

That delegation, which is expected to be headed by Commissioner of Constitutional Affairs Sarah Wescot-Williams, will have meetings with both the First Chamber and Second Chamber.

The Second Chamber is highly doubtful about St. Maarten's capacity to assume an autonomous position in the Kingdom as a country.

The First and Second Chamber are instrumental in the process of constitutional reform as they have to approve legislation to make the new relations in the Kingdom possible.

A planned meeting of the First Chamber with St. Maarten's Island Council didn't materialize last week because there was no quorum.

The eight-member

delegation returned Monday from a visit to all islands of the Netherlands Antilles as well as Aruba.

Besides meeting with Richardson, members of the permanent committee for Antillean and Aruban Affairs will also evaluate the recent Parliamentary Consultation of the Kingdom meetings. These meetings, also referred to as POK, were held in Aruba

from January 5-9. POK was marred by confrontations and irritation, and was almost cancelled.

A lot of the irritation was caused by Member of the Second Chamber Hero Brinkman of the Party for Freedom PVV who insulted Aruba by calling its government "corrupt". The issue of the cross index for Antillean high-risk youngsters in the

Netherlands was another hot potato during POK.

On Tuesday, the First Chamber committee also evaluated its working visit to the islands last week, and prepare for a meeting next week Tuesday, January 27, with Dutch State Secretary of Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten and Justice Minister Ernst Hirsch Ballin. On the agenda of that meeting are the First

Chamber's impression of POK and the subsequent working visit to the islands. During last Tuesday's meeting, the committee set a date for the debate on government's 2009 budget for Kingdom Relations, Chapter 4.

The Second Chamber has already approved the legislation proposal relating to that part of the budget on December 18, 2008. □

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and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Tamarijn Beach Resort which they call their home away from home. Glenn & Virginia Siminski, Gina & Darrell Defler, John & Cherie Bohannon and John & Audrey Bohannon were honored as an distinguished visitor for the Island of Aruba after coming for 10 consecutive years
 Pictured: Mr. Ricardo Croes from ATA together with all honorees and also Steve from the Tamarijn Resort

ORANJESTAD - Recently Resort, Aruba vacationers honorary titles created by a token of appreciation to at the Tamarijn Beach were presented with the Ministry of Tourism as guest visiting Aruba for ten



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By: Roland W. Peterson

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and rich desserts are also on the menu. Casa Tua's famous secret thin crust recipe was handed down by an Italian chef, known locally as "the pizza master", in the French student city of Montpellier in 1969. This recipe has been perfected over the years to such a point where Casa Tua is known on the island these days for the best pizza. Period.

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MooMba Beach entertains The Georgia Chamber of Commerce



PALM BEACH – The Georgia Chamber of Commerce enjoyed the atmosphere at MooMba Beach earlier this week. The group has chosen Aruba and the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa for the 6th year in a row. President and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, George Israel and the Director of Membership, Kevin Carmichael orchestrated a five-day trip for 76

select members and their family members. On their final evening here a Clam Bake on the pool deck of the resort recognized the work of the chamber volunteers serving Caribbean lobster and roasted tenderloin to steel band music, under the stars. The evening was sponsored by Georgia Power and deliciously prepared by the Radisson culinary team. □



“Aruhiba” Aruba’s homemade cigar



ORANJESTAD - Benjamin Petrochi has started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called ‘Aruhiba’. These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrochi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold cigars from outside, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of



“Aruhiba” cigars in Aruba. The process took 5 years Petrochi’s dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar case is specially designed for the cigars with the logo ‘Aruhiba’ and ‘Made in Aruba’. Petrochi considers ‘Aruhiba’ a promotion for Aruba through fine quality cigars. The company sells international cigars as well. Buy a gift box of Aruhiba



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Moliere not only recounts the life of this extraordinary

creative mind, but playfully inhabits his witty, charming and complex personality that in a manner that renders Moliere mysteriously fascinating and immersed in the sensibility of his time, yet fully, enchantingly accessible to cross-cultural audiences today.

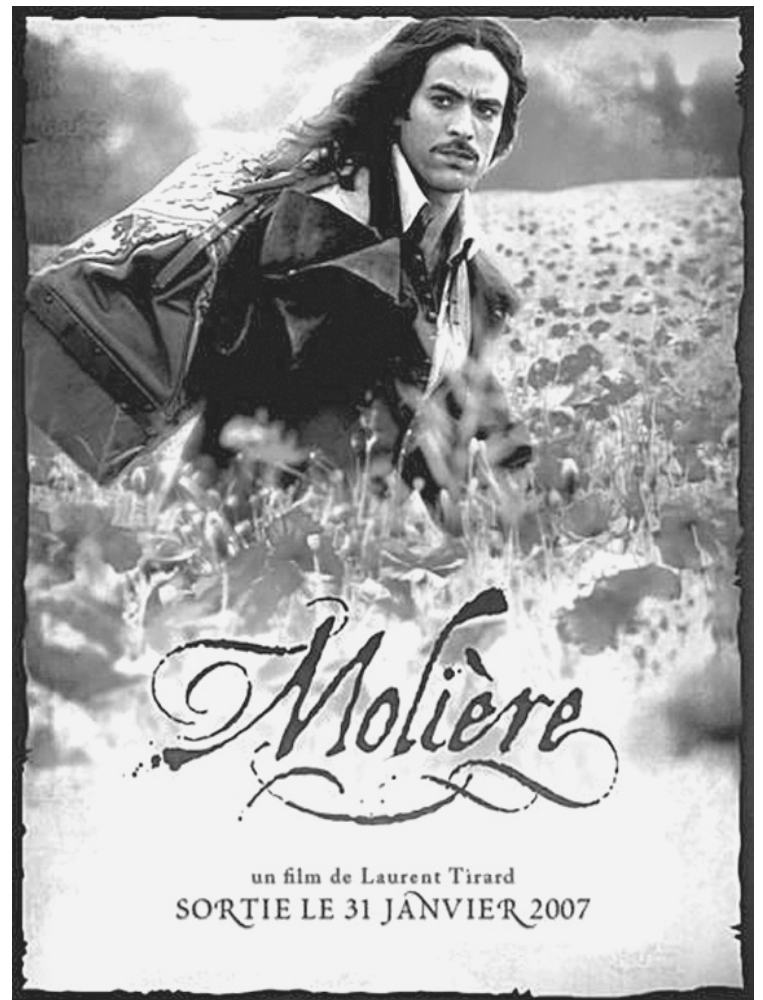
Romain Duris is Moliere, also known as Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, who changed his name due to the scandalous reputation of actors back then, and the disgrace he might bring to his widowed shopkeeper father. The film inventively weaves together personal reflections and events in Moliere's own life with episodes from his stories, and with one always spontaneously and vivaciously complementing the other.

The film, obviously, tells the

story. I've never read Moliere, so I'm not sure, the movie struck me as a “this is the real-life inspiration for the classic story” thing like Shakespeare in Love was for Romeo and Juliet (admittedly, with a few other plays thrown into the mix). I gather this is the story of Tartuffe, though I could be mistaken.

But it is a wonderful period piece: the rich and the poor in mid-1600s France. The interplay of the aristocracy, the merchant class, and the lower classes.

It is a comedy of errors and mistakes, with both comic and tragic situations. I truly enjoyed the movie, and it made me want to go out and read some Moliere. If you can handle subtitled movies or if you speak French. □



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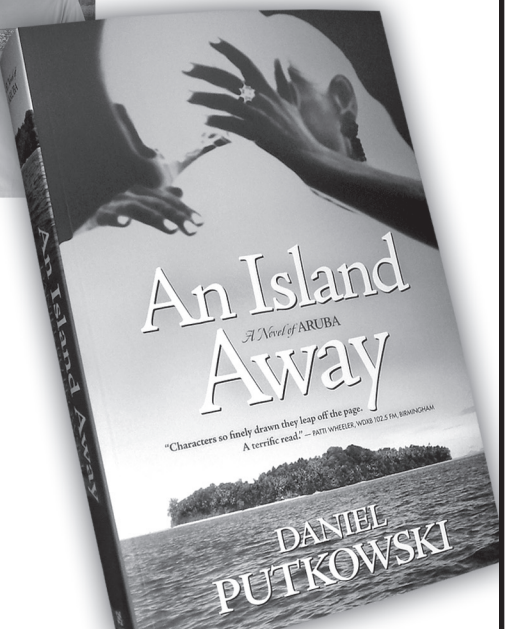
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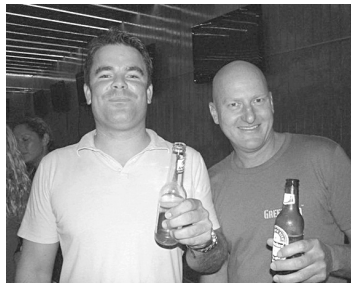


PALM BEACH – A landmark NY-style sports bar checked into the Palm Beach Centre, turning the TVs and the beer taps on Sunday night. The sports bar was conceived by an island repeat visitor of 18-years, Ross Provenzano, who is also a diving fanatic. Provenzano frequent visits to the island fired up a desire to own a proper American-style sports bar in the hotel area.

When South Beach Centre commenced construction, Provenzano signed on the dotted line and Busters Garage NYC was born. Incidentally, in July of 2008, Provenzano said "I do" to Beth-Ann Kaufman in an elegant wedding affair, happening over a number of days, at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. The weekend celebration of the

nuptials of Beth Ann Kaufman and Ross Provenzano, included a penthouse party, and a sunset blessing on the beach with reverend Robert Gibson, followed by a barefoot champagne cocktail party, toes in the sand. Among the couple's friends who attended the wedding, Aruba's Prime Minister Nelson Oduber, accompanied by his son. The Premier took his time to personally congratulate the couple and wish them eternal love and happiness.

Pictured here the first bar visitors, most of them Unique Watersports dive instructors who came to congratulate their best client Provenzano,



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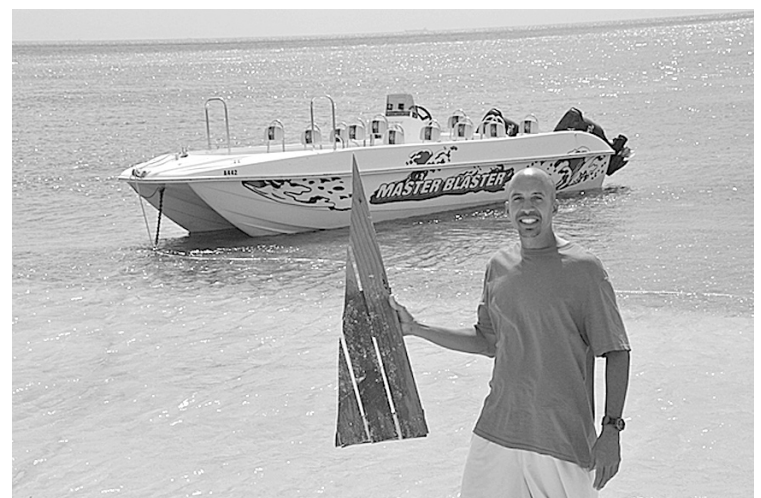
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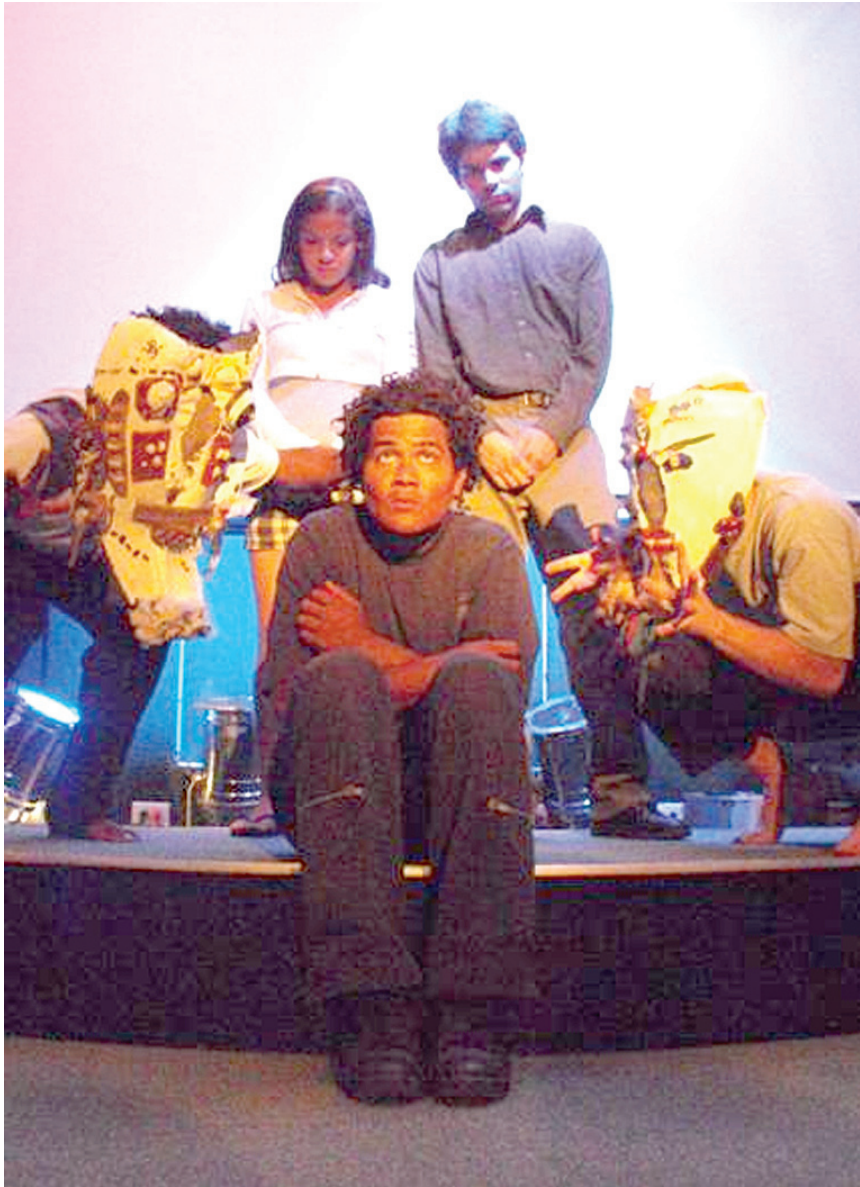


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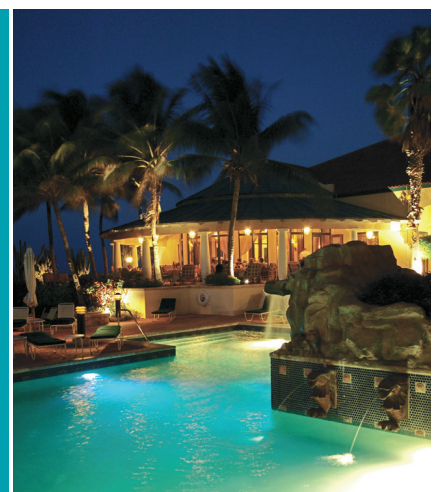
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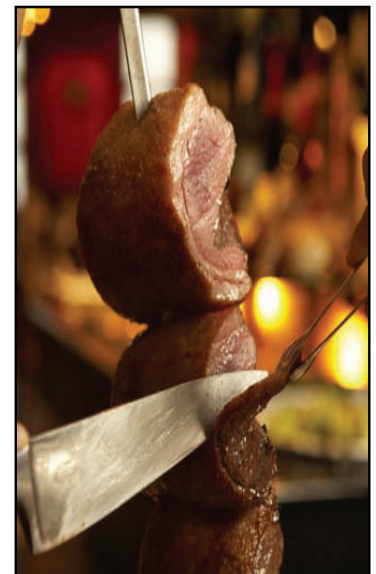
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Obama's whirlwind first day: economy, war and more

By STEVEN R. HURST

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama sprinted through a first full day in office Wednesday, making good on vows to clean up government and taking action on pressing issues ranging from the Iraq war to the failing economy.

Obama was laying down markers — some symbolic, others rooted in nuts-and-bolts action — as he began setting the tone for his administration. He swept into Washington on a wave of expectations that the new government can overcome a deep malaise that settled on the capital city and the country during the now-departed Bush administration.

Deep problems confront America's first black president as he takes control of a country facing economic perils not seen in nearly eight decades even as it fights two unpopular wars. The presidential flurry began with a first post-inaugural visit to the Oval Office about 8:30 a.m. before moving on to a prayer service in the National Cathedral. At a swearing in of White House staff, Obama announced he would freeze the pay of aides earning more than \$100,000, issued tough new ethics standards and said government records should not be kept secret just because officials had that power.

Obama and first lady Michelle Obama took time to welcome 200 citizens to the White House Blue Room for a symbolic open house, greeting the flow of average Americans allowed into the executive mansion on a first-come-first-served basis.

"Enjoy yourself, roam around," a smiling Obama told one guest as he passed through the room. "Don't break anything."

The new president conferred with his brain trust about what he termed the "emergency" gripping the American economy and moved on to a meeting with top diplomatic, security and military brass about his pledge to pull American combat forces out of Iraq within 16 months. Top military officials said the meeting did not include the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as Obama promised during his campaign.

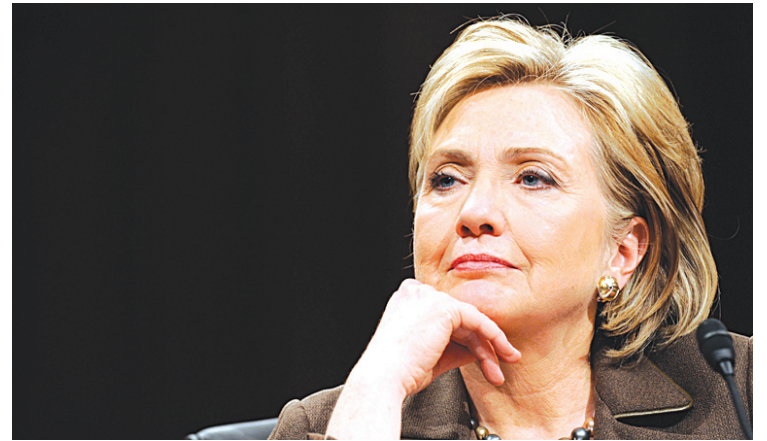
Sandwiched into that dizzying schedule, Obama prepared to name George Mitchell, the former Senate Democratic leader, a special envoy to the Middle East. And in phone calls to Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian and Jordanian leaders, Obama emphasized that he would work to consolidate the cease-fire between Israel and Hamas in Gaza, said the new White House press secretary, Robert Gibbs.

Gibbs said Obama expressed "his commitment to active engagement in pursuit of Arab-Israeli peace from the beginning of his term."

The shift in administrations — former President George W. Bush was back home in Texas — was underscored in far-off Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where a judge granted Obama's request to suspend the war crimes trial of a young Canadian. The judge issued a one-sentence order for the 120-day continuance without so much as a hearing, possibly the beginning of the end for the former administration's system of trials for alleged terrorists.

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Senate confirms Clinton as secretary of state



By ANNE FLAHERTY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the U.S. Senate confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton to become secretary of State on Wednesday, President Barack Obama moved to make his imprint on U.S. foreign policy, mobilizing a fresh team of veteran advisers and reaching out to world leaders.

The Senate voted 94-2, with two Republicans opposing. Republicans and Democrat alike said her swift confirmation was necessary so that Obama can begin tackling the major foreign policy issues at hand, including two wars, increased violence in the Middle East and the possibility of a nuclear-armed Iran.

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In this photo, reviewed by the U.S. Military, a sign is pictured at Camp Justice, the location of the U.S. Military Commissions court for war crimes, at the U.S. Naval Base, in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Monday, Jan. 19, 2009. Military judges in Guantanamo pressed forward Monday with hearings for five men accused of orchestrating the Sept. 11 attacks and for a Canadian accused of killing a U.S. soldier.

Associated Press

President to sign order shutting Guantanamo

By BEN FOX

Associated Press Writer

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — The Guantanamo Bay war crimes court came to an abrupt halt Wednesday as military judges granted President Barack Obama's request to suspend proceedings while he reviews his predecessor's strategy for prosecuting terrorists.

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The Associated Press has learned that Obama plans to sign an executive order Thursday to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center within a year and halt military trials of terror suspects held there. The senior Obama aide spoke on condition of anonymity because the event has not yet been announced.

His aides on Wednesday had circulated a draft executive order on Guantanamo that called for closing the facility within a year, releasing some of the 245 detainees still

there and transferring others to different sites for trial.

Obama's first White House meetings as president meshed with quickened efforts in Congress to add top Cabinet officials to the roster of those confirmed on Tuesday and to advance the economic stimulus measure that is a top priority of his administration.

The U.S. Senate overwhelmingly voted to approve Hillary Rodham Clinton as Obama's secretary of state, joining other Cabinet members who won approval on Inauguration Day.

Treasury Secretary-designate Timothy Geithner appeared before the Senate Finance Committee for a confirmation hearing, telling the panel that enactment of the new president's economic stimulus was essential. He also said the Senate's decision last week to permit use of the second \$350 billion installment of a financial industry bailout "will enable us to take the steps necessary to help get credit flowing."

He said Obama and he "share your belief that this program needs serious reform."

Geithner also apologized for his failure to pay personal taxes earlier in the decade, calling the omission a mistake. The taxes were repaid in stages, some after an audit and the rest after a review of his returns late last year by Obama's transition team.

"I should have been more careful," Geithner told the committee. Its chairman, Max Baucus said he thought Geithner had made "disappointing mistakes" but also said he needed to be confirmed so he could get to work on solving the country's financial crisis.

Senate Republicans, meanwhile, forced a week delay in voting on

Obama's nomination of Eric Holder as attorney general, demanding more time to question him about the administrations intentions toward those who have participated in harsh interrogations of terrorism suspects, Guantanamo trials and other topics.

The committee plans to meet again next Wednesday, and Holder's confirmation is not in doubt.

What the public did not see as the first full day of the Obama administration rushed by was the new leader standing alone with his thoughts in the Oval Office. He did that for about 10 minutes at the start of the day. "He wanted to absorb the moment that he was in, to think about the people who have served before him, and also to think about the work that he is now undertaking," Gibbs said.

Obama also privately read a note left by his predecessor, George W. Bush.

Gibbs said he didn't ask Obama about that one: "I knew he wasn't going to tell me anyway." □

Associated Press writers Lara Jakes and David Espo contributed to this report.



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Caroline Kennedy reportedly withdraws Senate bid

ALBANY, N.Y. — Published reports say Caroline Kennedy is withdrawing from her effort to join the U.S. Senate in the seat once held by her uncle, slain Sen. Bobby Kennedy. The New York Times and New York Post reported Wednesday that Kennedy has ended her monthlong bid to succeed Hillary Rodham Clinton, who was confirmed as secretary of state. The reports come a day after Kennedy's uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, suffered a seizure at the inauguration of President Barack Obama. He has been treated for an aggressive brain tumor. The Times cited a source



In this Dec. 26, 2008 file photo, Caroline Kennedy speaks during an interview in New York. Published reports Wednesday Jan. 21, 2009 say Caroline Kennedy is withdrawing her bid to join the U.S. Senate in the seat once held by her uncle, slain Sen. Bobby Kennedy.

Associated Press

Colorado group lobbies in Wyoming on gay marriage

By BEN NEARY

Associated Press Writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo.

— A national conservative Christian group has begun a telephone lobbying campaign in Wyoming in support of a gay-marriage ban in the state Senate. Focus on the Family Action, of Colorado Springs, Colo., is pushing to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot that would stop the state from recognizing same-sex marriages performed elsewhere.

"We want to see marriages protected," said Sonja Swiatkiewicz, director of issues response for Focus on the Family Action. She said the calls began Friday, but she would not disclose the cost or number of calls. State law already says only marriages between a

man and a woman may be conducted in Wyoming. However, the state is bound to recognize same-sex marriages and civil unions performed in other states. Massachusetts and Connecticut are the only states that allow gay marriage. Gay marriages are not allowed elsewhere, and 30 states have taken the extra step of entrenching the ban in their state constitution. Lobbying by out-of-state groups was cited as a key factor in the passing of a measure prohibiting gay marriage in California in November.

"I feel like the Focus on the Family has just moved into the state and wants to see this happen, and I hate to see us go in that direction," Bob Spencer, a spokesman for Wyoming Equality.

The calls have targeted voters in districts represented by some members of the Senate Education Committee, where the resolution has been assigned. No committee vote has been scheduled because there isn't enough support for it to pass, said co-sponsor Sen. Curt Meier, R-LaGrange. "I've heard from several people in Laramie asking me to support the bill," said Sen. Mike Massie, D-Laramie, who opposes the bill. "But I've also heard from several people who received the calls and contacted me specifically to ask me to vote against it." □

it didn't identify as saying Kennedy withdrew out of concern for her uncle and his illness. But the Post cited an unidentified source as saying she dropped out because she learned Gov. David Paterson had decided not to choose her. The move appears to clear the way for several other candidates including Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, who Paterson confirmed Tuesday is under consideration. Cuomo surpassed Kennedy in statewide polls last week as the favorite of New Yorkers who were surveyed. Paterson has said he hopes to make an appointment by this weekend. Other contenders include Reps. Carolyn Maloney of

New York City and Steve Israel of Long Island, along with a strong upstate candidate, Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand, whose district runs along the Hudson Valley. Other hopefuls among the 10 or 20 Paterson said were under consideration include Reps. Jerrold Nadler and Brian Higgins and Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown. The reports came hours after Maloney, some Democrats' top choice, was named chairwoman of the Joint Economic Committee in Congress. That's a significant move because Paterson had made it clear the next senator's top job should be to help land a federal stimulus package to help New York out of its budget crisis. □

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Former President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State nominee Hillary Clinton arrive at the inauguration ceremony at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009. The Senate has confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton to become secretary of state.

Associated Press

CLINTON

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"It is essential that we provide the president with the tools and resources he needs to effect change, and that starts with putting a national security team in place as

soon as possible," said Sen. John Kerry, a Democrat and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. Obama's presidential rival Sen. John McCain was among those who spoke in Clinton's favor.

"This nation has come together in a way that it has not for some time," said the Republican, on the Senate floor for the first time since the inauguration.

Voters "want us to work together and get to work," McCain said.

As the Senate debated Clinton's appointment, Obama wasted no time in his first day at the White House. According to a White House spokesman, Obama placed telephone calls to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Jordan's King Abdullah II and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

The administration also planned to name former Senate Democratic Leader George J. Mitchell as Clinton's special envoy for the Middle East. Dennis Ross, a longtime U.S. negotiator, was also expected to advise Clinton on Mideast policy, according to officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the move.

Clinton received overwhelming bipartisan support despite lingering concerns by some Republicans that her husband's charitable

fundraising overseas could pose conflicts of interest.

Sen. Richard Lugar, the top Republican on the Foreign Relations Committee,

proposed that former President Bill Clinton's foundation reject foreign contributions. But Hillary Clinton rejected Lugar's plan, contending that the foundation's plan to disclose annually its list of donors and a range of its contributions already exceeds legal requirements.

Sen. David Vitter, a Republican member of the Senate panel who opposed Clinton, said he was not satisfied with her response and opposed her in a committee vote. Sen. Jim DeMint, a Republican, said he remained concerned, but would not stand in her way at that point.

Immediately following the Senate vote, Clinton was expected to be sworn in during a private ceremony at the Capitol building.

Also following the vote, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee planned to endorse Susan Rice to become U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, a post Obama has elevated to the cabinet level.

Senate Dems move toward seating Franken

WASHINGTON—It's no joke: Senate Democrats are moving toward letting comedian Al Franken join the chamber while Republican Norm Coleman's election lawsuit is pending.

"We're going to try to seat Al Franken," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told reporters on Wednesday, a few hours before he posed with Franken for photos just off the Senate floor. "There's not a question in anyone's mind, an assertion by anyone, that there's been any fraud or wrongdoing in this election."

Coleman's lawyers are challenging the results of the election and the re-count in a trial set to begin in state district court on Monday. A three-judge panel that will hear the case is considering Franken's argument to dismiss it altogether.

Franken finished the re-count ahead by 225 votes. But Coleman's campaign said it will push for a review of all 12,000 absentee ballots that were not counted in the race. Coleman's attorneys said the new proposal could bring as many as 7,000 ballots to the race.

Reid did not say when Franken would be seated provisionally, but he said the two were meeting to hash out the agenda and Franken's committee assignments.

Not so fast, said Republicans. "If Al Franken truly believes he won this election, he should respect the laws of his state and allow this legal review to be completed," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

Luke Friedrich, spokesman for Coleman, said Reid and Franken would "ignore the will of Minnesota voters" if they try to seat Franken before the election is fully resolved. "Maybe Al Franken and Harry Reid should spend a little time reminding each other how they used to want every vote counted," Friedrich said.



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Possible bird remains found in downed jet's engine

By JOAN LOWY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Investigators said Wednesday they have found the remains of what may be a bird in the engine of the US Airways jet that made a dramatic landing in New York's Hudson River. The National Transportation Safety Board said an examination of the Airbus 320's right engine revealed evidence of "soft body damage" and that "organic material" was found in the engine and on the wings and fuselage.

Samples of the material have gone to the Agriculture Department for a complete DNA analysis, the board said. A single feather was found attached to a flap track on the wing and will be examined by experts at the Smithsonian Institution.

The pilot of Flight 1549, Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, reported a "double bird strike" and a loss of power in both engines before gliding the plane to an emergency river landing last week. All 155 people on board the flight to Charlotte, N.C., survived.

The board also reported Wednesday that:

_divers located the airliner's



left engine in about 50 feet of water near the area of the river where the aircraft ditched. The board predicted the engine would be recovered Thursday. _on Jan. 13, two days before the accident, the aircraft's right engine experienced a power surge. Subsequent maintenance work included the replacement of a temperature probe. "Investigators from the NTSB's maintenance records group are researching this report by examining applicable maintenance records and procedures," the board said in a statement.

New York Police Department and New Jersey State Police harbor officers working with a sonar expert from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration got a reading Tuesday of an

object 16 feet long and 8 feet wide near the spot where Flight 1549 made its emergency landing. Divers went into the icy, murky water and located the left engine in about 10 minutes, NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said.

Investigators want to inspect the engine to better understand how it stopped running after the plane hit a flock of birds shortly after taking off from LaGuardia Airport. Most of the Airbus A320 is at a New Jersey marina, where investigators will study it.

Police already located several pieces of debris from the flight, including 35 flotation seat cushions, 12 life jackets, 15 pieces of luggage, two briefcases, 11 purses, 15 suit jackets and shirts, four shoes and two hats, Browne said. □

Fla. priest accused of theft pleads guilty

By BRIAN SKOLOFF

Associated Press Writer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — One of two Florida priests accused of embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from their church pleaded guilty Wednesday, the same day jury selection was set to begin in the case.

The Rev. John Skehan, 81, pleaded guilty to bilking parishioners at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Delray Beach for years. Skehan, who had been at the church 40 years, had been accused of taking \$370,000 between 2001 and 2006, the timeframe covered by the statute of limitations. Church auditors, however, believe the figure stolen over the years was in the millions.

He and the Rev. Francis Guinan had been charged with stealing to fund lavish lifestyles in what authorities say could be one of the biggest embezzlement cases to hit the U.S. Catholic Church. Prosecutors say the priests plucked cash from the offering plate and spent it on upscale homes, gambling trips to Las Vegas with a mistress, even a \$275,000 rare

coin collection.

"Father Skehan accepted responsibility for his actions by virtue of his guilty plea," his attorney, Scott Richardson, said outside court. "It's been extraordinarily difficult for him from the beginning."

Sentencing for Skehan is set for March 20. Richardson said he could receive up to 31 years in prison or as little as probation, and was hoping for leniency from the judge.

Guinan's trial was delayed until Feb. 18. Guinan, who has pleaded not guilty, is accused of stealing \$488,000 during the 19 months after he became pastor in September 2003.

His attorney, Richard Barlow, said he would prove Guinan, 66, did nothing wrong, and that Skehan's plea does not affect his case.

"The fact that they were both priests and were at the same church doesn't make my guy guilty," Barlow said, adding that he would prove Guinan spent the money on church business.

He said most of the money the state accuses Guinan of stealing was spent on cash payments to church employees. □

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In this photo, reviewed by the U.S. Military, a journalist enters the shower tent, at Camp Justice, the location of the U.S. Military Commissions, at the U.S. Naval Base, in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009. The Guantanamo Bay war crimes court came to an abrupt halt Wednesday as military judges granted President Barack Obama's request to suspend proceedings while he reviews his predecessor's strategy for prosecuting terrorists.

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GUANTANAMO

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The judges quickly agreed to a 120-day suspension of the cases of a Canadian accused of killing an American soldier in Afghanistan and five men charged in the Sept. 11 attacks. Similar orders are expected in other pending cases pending

before the Guantanamo military commissions.

Judge Stephen Henley, an Army colonel presiding over the Sept. 11 trial, accepted the prosecution argument that it would be in the "interests of justice" to give the new administration time to review the commission process

and decide what to do next, a decision tied closely to Obama's pledge to close the detention center.

The five charged in the Sept. 11 attacks had said they wanted to plead guilty to charges that carry potential death sentences and their alleged ringleader, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, told the court he opposes the delay.

"We should continue so we don't go backward, we go forward," said Mohammed, who shrugged off the prospect of a death sentence at a pretrial hearing at the base earlier in the week.

Another judge agreed to a suspension in the case of Canadian Omar Khadr with a one-sentence order.

Obama's order to seek a suspension of the proceedings came just hours after his inauguration.

Prosecutor Clay Trivett said all pending cases should be suspended because the new administration's review of the

military commissions system may result in significant changes that could have legal consequences for the defendants.

In Washington, the administration circulated a draft executive order that calls for closing the detention center within a year and reviewing the cases of all the nearly 245 still held. The government would release some, transfer others and put the rest on trial under terms still to be determined. It was not known when Obama intended to issue the order.

The suspension of the war crimes trials "has the practical effect of stopping the process, probably forever," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. William Kuebler, Khadr's defense lawyer.

Khadr, a Toronto native, faces charges that include supporting terrorism and murder for allegedly killing U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer of Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a grenade during a 2002 battle in Afghanistan

when he was 15.

Khadr faces up to life in prison if convicted by the military commission. His lawyer says he should now be prosecuted, if at all, in a civilian court, though he would prefer to be repatriated to Canada.

"He is anxious. He doesn't know what's going to happen," Kuebler said after discussing the delay with the 22-year-old prisoner. "But we are all hopeful and somewhat optimistic that this ruling now creates a space for the two governments to do something constructive to solve this case."

Khadr has received little sympathy in Canada, where his family has been called the "first family of terrorism." His father was an alleged al-Qaida militant and financier who was slain by Pakistani forces in 2003, and a brother, Abdullah Khadr, is being held in Canada on a U.S. extradition warrant, accused of supplying weapons to al-Qaida. □



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EU wins Israeli assurance on Gaza aid

By **ROBERT WIELAARD**

Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - The European Union said Wednesday it has received assurances from Israel that it will allow humanitarian aid through to Palestinians in the Gaza area.

Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, meanwhile, said she convinced the Europeans that having a "durable and sustainable cease-fire also means a full cessation of the smuggling of weapons" into Gaza, which is ruled by the extremist Islamic Hamas movement.

Livni and her EU counterparts debated the way forward after the Gaza war at a meeting over dinner.

Karel Schwarzenberg, the Czech foreign minister and the meeting's chairman, said at a joint news conference after the three-hour meeting that Livni reassured the EU that "everything will be done from the Israeli side to have an effective humanitarian aid in the Gaza Strip."

British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said the talks produced a "strong" discussion at which the Europeans insisted Israel must make it possible for humanitarian aid to reach Palestinians in the

stricken Gaza are.

"It's absolutely necessary to say we need to open the borders. We (the 27 EU nations) were all united in that," said French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner. Livni said she and the Europeans reached "an understanding" that it is important that the smuggling of weapons into Gaza be stopped.

She said she regretted the loss of civilian lives in Gaza but blamed Hamas militants for operating from highly populated areas.

She called the war against Hamas — which both the U.S. and the EU view as a terrorist organization — a "war against terror, not against Palestinians."

Officials said the EU is ready to send monitors back to the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt provided the Gaza cease-fire is maintained.

That mission began in 2005 and oversaw the crossing of 444,000 people during an 18-month period. It was suspended in June 2007 after Hamas seized control of Gaza.

Egypt has largely kept the crossing closed since Hamas seized power.

The EU foreign ministers



Swiss Red Cross staff are packing and labeling relief goods for the Gaza strip in the village of Wabern, near the capital Bern, Switzerland, on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009.

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will meet in Brussels with their counterparts from Egypt, Jordan, Turkey and the Palestinian Authority on Sunday.

Israel is hoping for a deal committing the EU to contribute forces, ships and technology to anti-smuggling operations. EU officials said it was too early for that, saying providing humanitarian relief and efforts to secure a lasting cease-fire were their priorities.

The U.S. last week signed an anti-smuggling deal with Israel calling for expanded intelligence cooperation

between the two countries and other U.S. allies in the Middle East and Europe.

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SPORTS

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Armstrong having a good time in comeback



Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, third from right, of the U.S. peddles along with other cyclists during the second stage of the Tour Down Under cycling race in Adelaide, Australia, Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009.

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By STEVE McMORRAN

AP Sports Writer

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) - Two days into his first professional cycling race in three years and after a hard day at the Tour Down Under, Lance Armstrong said Wednesday he was having "a helluva good time".

However the 37-year-old has no illusions that his return to cycling - focused on his attempt in June to win his eighth Tour de France - will be dictated by age and condition. "The comeback, so to speak, is at least a year," he said. "It's not three or four, I don't think, but it could be two years. I've

got to get through the first part of this season and then decide.

"There are other things, too, that need to fall into place but primarily my condition and how this all feels and how the campaign (to raise cancer awareness) unfolds."

Armstrong said he had been given no cause to reconsider the wisdom of his comeback in the two stages so far of the Tour Down Under.

He rode 90 miles in blast-furnace heat on Tuesday and another 92 miles in cooler conditions Wednesday, but found no cause on either day to ask "why am I doing this?" If anything, Armstrong said, his experience at the start of the six-day tour had confirmed him in his decision to return from a three-year retirement. "I came in fairly open minded," he said. "I didn't know what to expect in terms of the crowds and the reaction and my condition in the race.

Overall, I'm pleased. I said at the beginning I'm glad I made this decision I made and I maintain that statement.

"I can't ask for anything more. I'm having fun in the race so I can't complain about much." Armstrong took a quiet part in the first stage Tuesday, finishing in the peleton and officially 120th of 133 riders in the race in South Australia state.

He was more aggressive and more prominent Wednesday, riding near the front of the main bunch and taking part in two late breakaways, one, audaciously, with a rider half his age. "I said all along if I were there and I had the opportunity I would definitely make my presence felt in the race," he said

Armstrong finished 45th overall Wednesday, also in the bunch and 13 seconds behind the stage winner Allan Davis of Australia. He looked fit and confident and some of

the past evaporated when he took his black and gold bike to the front, briefly gapping the peleton.

"It was fun to be out in front of a race again," he said. "As they say over here it was good to give it a twist, to give it a crack.

"It's going to take a while to adapt to race speed, I've said that since I got here and today proved that," he added. "Those long drags uphill were never my strong suit but having been out of competition and you get in the race and it's fast and guys are strong it's a suffer-fest. You suffer when you get to those moments."

Armstrong said he is prepared to do just that if that's what it takes to return to his peak.

"I like to suffer, although it sounds weird," he said. "I know why I'm doing this, I want to be doing it and I'm having a good time. If I wasn't having fun I would pack it in." □

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NHL Roundup

Hurricanes win second straight, 2-1 over Pens

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Cam Ward made 32 saves, and Ray Whitney and Eric Staal scored as the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 2-1 on Tuesday.

Ward, making his 13th consecutive start for Carolina, earned his 100th career victory for the Hurricanes, who won on consecutive nights after snapping a five-game losing streak.

League scoring leader Evgeni Malkin had a goal for Pittsburgh, the reigning Eastern Conference

champion which fell into 10th place in the conference heading into the All-Star break.

Ward stopped Malkin from point-blank range with 24.1 seconds to play.

Sharks 2, Canucks 1, OT

At San Jose, California, Joe Thornton set up Devin Setoguchi's tying goal in regulation and Patrick Marleau's overtime winner as San Jose celebrated Claude Lemieux's return to the NHL after a 5 1/2-year absence with a win over Vancouver.

Lemieux played a regular shift on the fourth line in his first NHL game since 2003 for the Sharks, who gave one of their most listless efforts of the season until the last minute of regulation. Evgeni Nabokov made 13 saves for San Jose, which will enter the All-Star break with at least a share of the overall league lead.

Roberto Luongo made 27 saves for the Canucks, who lost their sixth straight after surrendering Setoguchi's tying goal with 39.1 seconds left.



San Jose Sharks' Claude Lemieux (32) takes to the ice on a shift change, during the first period against the Vancouver Canucks in an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, in San Jose, Calif.

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NBA Roundup

Bibby leads Hawks over Bulls 105-102

CHICAGO (AP) - Mike Bibby scored nine of his season-high 31 points in the final five minutes as the Atlanta Hawks beat the Chicago Bulls 105-102 Tuesday to complete a three-game season sweep.

Solid throughout the night, Bibby came up big in the end to lift the Hawks to their second win in as many nights.

The Bulls were leading 94-93 after Derrick Rose drove for a layup, but Bibby buried a jumper over Joakim Noah to start a decisive 7-0 spurt that sent the Hawks to their second win in as many nights. Flip Murray then converted a layup on a two-on-one after Chicago's Luol Deng hit the side of the backboard on a drive, and Bibby finished it with a 3-pointer that made it 100-94 with just under four minutes left.

Zaza Pachulia scored a season-high 18 points for the Kings. Gordon led Chicago with 21 points, Nocioni added 15, and Luol Deng had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Spurs 99, Pacers 81

At San Antonio, Tim Duncan scored 27 points and Manu Ginobili had 26 in San Antonio's win over Indiana.

Tony Parker added 13 points for San Antonio, which ended the first half of the season in the familiar position of first in

the Southwest Division. The Spurs have won three straight and eight of their last 10.

Danny Granger had 17 points for the Pacers, who shot 37 percent from the field and scored their second-fewest points in a game this season. Indiana entered ranked third in the league in scoring.

Mike Dunleavy added 15 points for the Pacers.

Nuggets 118, Kings 99

At Denver, Linas Kleiza scored 27 points and Chauncey Billups had 22 as Denver used strong second and third quarters to beat Sacramento.

J.R. Smith had 19 points and Nene 13 points and 12 rebounds for Denver, which outscored the Kings 71-44 in the middle frames.

Kevin Martin led Sacramento with 25 points and rookie Jason Thompson had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Kings, who fell behind by 30 in the fourth quarter.

The Nuggets trailed by as many as 10 in the second quarter when Kleiza and Smith led the charge back. Kleiza had 11 points and Smith scored nine points during a 19-4 run that gave Denver a 43-38 lead.

Jazz 112, Timberwolves 107

At Salt Lake City, Mehmet Okur scored 22 points and hit consecutive late 3-pointers to send Utah past Minnesota for



Atlanta Hawks' Mike Bibby, left, shoots over Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose during the third quarter of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, in Chicago. The Hawks won 105-102.

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its seventh straight home win. Paul Millsap led Utah with 28 points and 15 rebounds and his dunk gave the Jazz a 97-89 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

The Wolves cut the lead the 97-96 on Randy Foye's 3-pointer. Al Jefferson, who had 25 points and eight rebounds, missed a jump hook and Okur grabbed the rebound. He then made his consecutive 3s and added a free throw. Deron Williams, who had 17 points and 11 assists, made a jumper to expand the advantage to 106-97.

Ryan Gomes and Foye each had 19 points for Minnesota. In the only other NBA games Tuesday, San Antonio beat Indiana 99-81, Denver defeated Sacramento 118-99 and Utah beat Minnesota 112-107. □

Thrashers 4, Canadiens 2

At Atlanta, rookie defenseman Zach Bogosian and Chris Thorburn each had a goal and an assist as Atlanta downed Montreal.

Tied for the NHL's second-lowest points total with 37 when the night began, Atlanta won its third straight to snap Montreal's two-game winning streak and spoil the return of Montreal goaltender Carey Price.

The Canadiens, who had won eight of 10 and were 11-2-1 in their previous 14, started with Jaroslav Valak in goal, but coach Guy Carbonneau pulled him after Rich Peverley scored 3:58 into the second and made it 3-0.

Coyotes 6, Red Wings 3

At Glendale, Arizona, Enver Lisin scored a pair of third-period goals as Phoenix beat Detroit.

Derek Morris had a goal and an assist, and Keith Yandle, Ed Jovanovski and Olli Jokinen also scored for the Coyotes, who won for the fifth time in seven games.

Shane Doan had a pair of assists for Phoenix, which moved past Anaheim into sole possession of fifth place in the Western Conference entering the All-Star break.

Niklas Lidstrom had a pair of power-play goals and Mikael Samuelsson also scored on the power play for the Red Wings, who lost consecutive games in regulation for the first time this season.

Lidstrom tied Brian Leetch in eighth place for power-play goals by a defenseman with 111.

At New York, Markus Naslund

scored on a power play and set up Scott Gomez's man-advantage goal in the third period that snapped New York's tie with Anaheim.

The Rangers, playing their first home game following a 3-1-1 trip, hopped back over the New Jersey Devils into first place in the Atlantic Division. New York is now off for a week for the NHL All-Star break.

Gomez also had an assist, Fredrik Sjostrom added a short-handed goal in the second period, and Henrik Lundqvist made 32 saves for his 24th win.

Anaheim, on a five-game trip that continues Wednesday on Long Island and concludes after the break, got goals from Corey Perry and rookie Bobby Ryan. Jonas Hiller stopped 26 shots, giving a break to Western Conference All-Star starter Jean-Sebastien Giguere.

At Ottawa, Brendan Bell scored Ottawa's third power-play goal of the game with 1:22 remaining for a win over Washington.

Bell put a shot from the right side past Jose Theodore 18:38 into the third with five seconds remaining in a penalty to Washington's Alexander Semin.

Dany Heatley scored a pair of power-play goals in the first to stake the Senators to a 2-0 lead.

In other NHL games Tuesday night, it was: Carolina 2, Pittsburgh 1; Atlanta 4, Montreal 2; Phoenix 6, Detroit 3; the New York Rangers 4, Anaheim 2; Ottawa 3, Washington 2; Los Angeles 5, Minnesota 2; and Edmonton 4, Columbus 3. □

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PlatinumW#1-17,Marriott Surf - 3bdr,OceanView -US\$50,000	week# 4, Costa Linda - 2Bdr. R#2012,Oceanview.-US\$24,000	week# 4 - DiviLinks - Studio. R#2108,Poolv - US\$14,000
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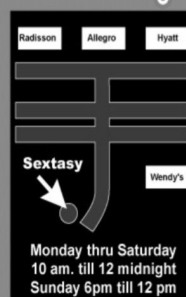


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Jefe de OEA espera mejor clima entre América Latina y EEUU bajo Obama



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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - América Latina espera cambios en la política de Estados Unidos hacia Cuba y el inicio de un diálogo con Venezuela y Bolivia bajo la nueva presidencia de Barack Obama, dijo el miércoles el secretario general de la OEA, José Miguel Insulza.

Pese a que el Gobierno de Obama tendrá poco tiempo de gestión y asuntos "más apremiantes" que resolver, Insulza dijo que para la Cumbre de las Américas en abril en Trinidad y Tobago la región espera "algunas definiciones" que mejoren el clima de relaciones con Washington.

"Lo que los países más quieren es que haya mucho mayor diálogo e involucramiento colectivo en los problemas", dijo el ex canciller chileno a la prensa. "Esperamos que para la cumbre de las Américas

ya podamos tener algunas definiciones", agregó al destacar que hay expectativas de una clara señal de apoyo a los acuerdos de libre comercio con Colombia y Panamá que están pendientes en el Congreso estadounidense.

Otra, esperada por América Latina y el mundo entero, es una posición mucho más constructiva de Washington en las conversaciones pos-Kioto sobre calentamiento global, destacó. También, Insulza consideró que el Gobierno de Obama podría poner trabas reales al traspaso de armas estadounidenses hacia el crimen organizado y el narcotráfico en México y Centroamérica.

Por otra parte, la autoridad de la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA) cuenta con el inicio de un diálogo, al menos, con Venezuela y Bolivia, países que

expulsaron a los embajadores estadounidenses el año pasado en un clima de acusaciones contra el saliente Gobierno de George W. Bush. "Yo sinceramente espero que haya un diálogo para resolver los problemas. Son países que tienen muchos intereses en común", argumentó.

CUBA EN LA AGENDA

Obama prometió durante su campaña electoral eliminar las restricciones que enfrentan los cubano-americanos para enviar remesas y viajar a visitar a sus familias en Cuba, medidas que podrían anunciarse dentro de poco.

Insulza estimó que el levantamiento del "bloqueo" comercial contra Cuba que mantiene Estados Unidos puede demorar más tiempo, pero subrayó que la región quiere ver un cambio de política hacia la isla de

gobierno comunista.

"Para los países de América Latina, Cuba es un tema y un tema que quieren conversar pronto", dijo. Las medidas sobre viajes y remesas "pueden ayudar a crear un nuevo clima, sobre todo porque hemos visto que el presidente Raúl Castro ha dicho que está dispuesto a responder gesto por gesto", agregó. Insulza calificó de "razonable" a Castro, con quien habló en Brasil durante la cumbre regional a la cual fue invitada Cuba por primera vez, poniendo fin a un aislamiento incentivado por Washington hace cuatro décadas y medio. La OEA podría decidir en

su asamblea anual en junio si se mantiene la suspensión de Cuba del organismo, decidida en 1962 a instancias de Estados Unidos. "Después Cuba decidirá si quiere o no participar en el organismo", observó.

Insulza dijo que la Carta Democrática Interamericana, que establece un programa de acción para promover y mejorar la democracia, era un "concepto de la Guerra Fría" y no sería un obstáculo para el regreso de Cuba a la OEA.

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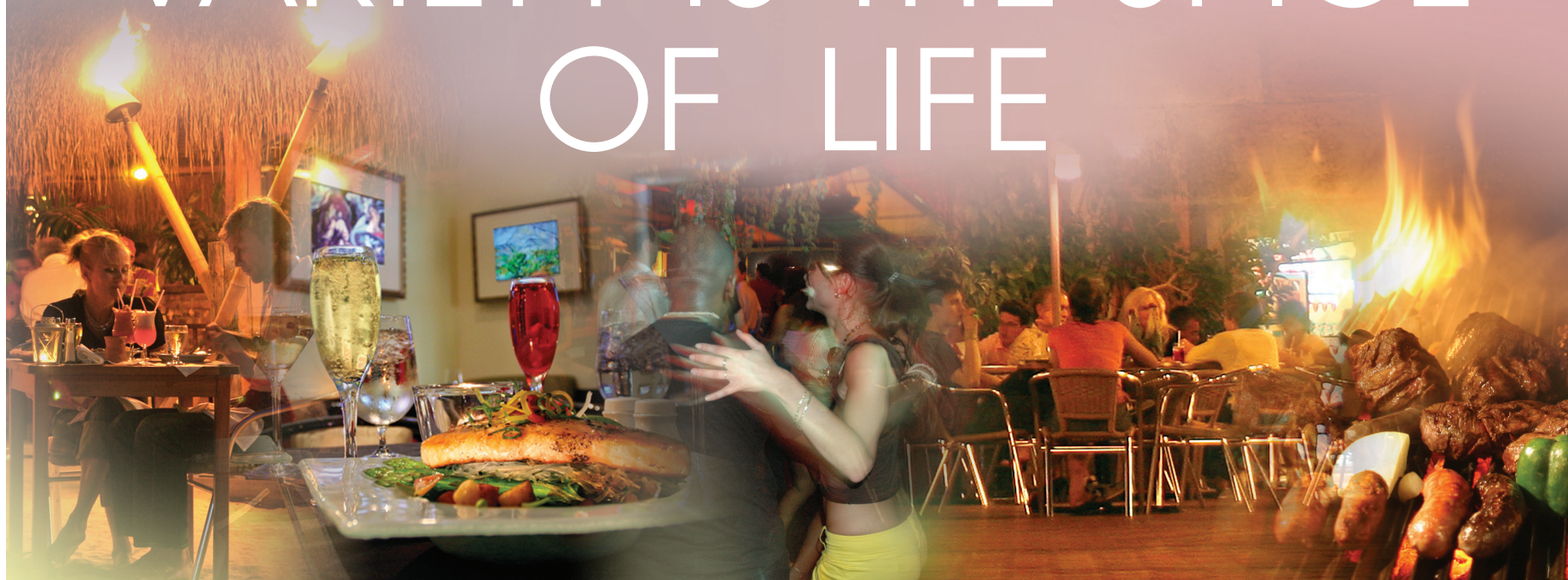
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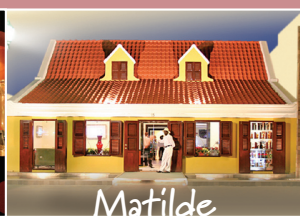
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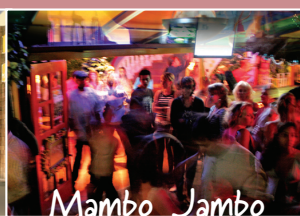
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